

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, before line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

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The present application is a Divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/338,094 filed June 23, 1999, now US Patent No. 6,406,785 issuing June 18, 2002, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/093,080 filed July 16, 1998.

On page 11, before line 5, please insert the following paragraph:

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The ultra high molecular weight polyolefin particles 62 can be cross linked. That is, the surface treated olefinic particles 62 can be cross linked.